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NEW DELHI PASS SCIENCE ATTACHE AND WAYNE MILLS

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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN SFCP VISIT - HIGGINS AND MILLS

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1. DR. ROBERT P. HIGGINS, DIRECTOR OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND LIMNOLOGY, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, PLANS VISIT ADDRESSEE POSTS UNDER SFCP AUSPICES. HIGGINS EXPECTED TO BE ACCOMPANIED IN PAKISTAN BY WAYNE A. MILLS, SMITHSONIAN REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA, RESIDENT IN NEW DELHI. LEROY MAKEPEACE VISIT (REFTEL A) CANCELLED.

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2. HIGGINS PLANNING ARRIVE KARACHI TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 AT 0130 ON LH 644. MILLS WILL JOIN HIGGINS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING SMITHSONIAN SECRETARY RIPLEY'S DEPARTURE FROM INDIA AND NEPAL. ABOUT DECEMBER 6 BOTH HIGGINS AND MILLS WILL DEPART PAKISTAN FOR NEW DELHI WHERE HIGGINS WILL REMAIN APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK TO CONFER WITH SCIENCE ATTACHE AND GOI OFFICIALS ABOUT POTENTIAL RESEARCH PROJECTS, ESPECIALLY IN FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES.

3. PURPOSE OF TRIP TO PAKISTAN: (A) CONFER WITH EMASSY AND GOP OFFICIALS AT BOTH NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL LEVEL TO GAIN FAMILIARITY WITH PROCESS AND PREFERRED APPROACHES FOR OBTAINING SUPPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PL-480 FUNDED COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS. (B) REVIEW BILATERAL PROJECT AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION PREPARED BY SMITHSONIAN IN 1968 FOR DR. TABER'S WILD BOAR RESEARCH WHICH APPROVED FOR PL-480 FUNDING BY SMITHSONIAN BUT NOT YET BY GOP. IN CONNECTION WITH TABER PROJECT, AS WELL AS FOR GENERAL REVIEW, DESIRE MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION WHICH UNDERSTOOD TO BE CLEARANCE CHANNEL FOR SMITHSONIAN JOINT RESEARCH (EXCEPT FOR ARCHEOLOGY WHICH BEING HANDLED AS CONCESSION RATHER THAN AS JOINT RESEARCH). (C) MEET WITH SCHOLARS AND INSTITUTIONS INTERESTED IN FUTURE COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS; AND IN PARTICULAR WITH DR. S.M. HAQ OF KARACHI UNIVERSITY WITH WHOM HIGGINS HAS ALREADY BEGUN DISCUSSION CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF JOINT BIOLOGICAL BASELINE STUDY OF KARACHI COASTAL ENVIRONMENT; WITH DR. S.A. NAQVI DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ARCHEOLOGY ABOUT CURRENT AND FUTURE ARCHEOLOGICAL PROJECTS SUCH AS THOSE OF DRS. DALES AND FAIRSERVIS; AND W.A. KERMANI, SECRETARY, SIND GOV'T WILDLIFE AND FOREST DEPARTMENT, ABOUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS INVOLVING DR. JUAN SPILLETT AND STEPHEN BERWICK. IN ADDITION, HIGGINS WILLING GIVE LECTURES BEFORE APPROPRIATE AUDIENCES ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES WITH AIM OF ENCOURAGING PAKISTANI SUGGESTIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH.

4. HIGGINS HAS CORRESPONDED WITH CARL BARTZ, CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER, AND REQUESTS HE ARRANGE SUITABLE SCHEDULE IN KARACHI. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE SCHEDULE CALLS IN ISLAMABAD REQUESTED. DEPENDING ON EMBASSY'S ADVICE, HIGGINS WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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VISIT LAHORE OR OTHER PLACES DEEMED USEFUL.

5. FOR ISLAMABAD: EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORM IF OBJECTION PERCEIVED TO VISIT BY HIGGINS AND MILLS AND, IF NOT, TO ARRANGE IN CONJUNCTION WITH BARTZ SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND GOP OFFICIALS IN LINE WITH STATED OBJECTIVES. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTED MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR HIGGINS IN ISLAMABAD AFTER DATES OF HIS VISIT THERE DETERMINED

IN CONSULTATION WITH BARTZ.

6. FOR KARACHI: BARTZ REQUESTED TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH HAQ AND OTHER SUITABLE SCHOLARS AND OFFICIALS IN ACCORDANCE HIGGINS CORRESPONDENCE. ALSO HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR HIGGINS.

7. FOR NEW DELHI: EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORM IF OBJECTION PERCEIVED TO VISIT BY HIGGINS.

8. FOR WAYNE MILLS: PLEASE KEEP DEPARTMENT, ISLAMABAD AND KARACHI INFORMED YOUR PLANS TRAVEL TO PAKISTAN AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS. RUSH

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